



Introduction

Teams are welcome to participate in the Premier Adult Soccer League of Dayton, as long as they abide by the following rules and deadlines. All team managers are responsible for any team deadlines and ensuring that each and every player on their team, new to the team or not, are aware of all rules & regulations laid out by this document.

Player Eligibility

- **MEN's Division:** The policy age for men is 18 years and older. Each team can have up to 4 exceptions for players under 18 but all players must be at least 16 years old. Player age is determined by birth date as of the first regular season match.
- **COED Division:** The policy age for women is 18 years and older. Player age is determined by birth date as of the first regular season match. "2 Women Rule": Both teams are required to keep 2 women (minimum) on the field, at any position, at all times. Should a team have less than 2 women available they must play down a player for each female player not available (ie maximum of 6 men on the field).
- Under no circumstances can a player play for more than one team within the same division during the same season (regular season & tournament).

Payment

- The participation fee in the PASL-D 8v8 is \$525 per team. Payment of this fee is due at the first game and can be done by check, cash or credit card.
- Each team is responsible for paying the referees at the day of the game. Each team will pay the referee \$20 per game in cash



Team Rosters

The roster is comprised of a minimum of 8 players with a valid DOB (according to player eligibility), having signed the online league waiver and having posted a photo to be used for player validation. Players need to be registered with SOASA to be eligible to play in the PASL-D 8v8 Soccer League. If a player is not registered with SOASA this can be done onsite for a onetime \$20 fee. The maximum number of players on the team roster will be restricted to 14 people. After the 6th game, teams will not be allowed to add any players to their roster. This roster will be the final roster for the remainder of the regular season and playoffs.

Team Managers must make sure that no player is on the field that is not on the official roster. If it is determined that a team that fielded an ineligible player in a game, regular season or playoffs, that team will forfeit all matches in which the ineligible player played in. Items that can make a player ineligible can be, but is not limited to, the following:

- Improper DOB (see “MEN’s Division” & “COED Division” under Player Eligibility)
- League waiver has not been signed (Each player must sign a waiver, before playing. A waiver must be signed for each season).
- Player not registered with SOASA. Player cards will be issued by the SOASA and are needed to play in the games.
- Added to roster after 6th week of regular season

Uniforms

All teams are required to have unique jerseys and players are recommended to have a number on their jersey. Teams getting new uniforms or new teams entering the league must check with the League organization to verify that the uniform and color are acceptable.

Laws of the Game

PASL-D 8v8 recognizes and plays according to the [2014-15 Laws of the Game \(U.S. Soccer Version\)](#). Amendments to the Laws of the Game that are incorporated in PASL-D League Play are listed below:

Substitutions

- There are no limits to the number of substitutions in a match.
- Unlimited substitutions may occur by either team when either team has a goal kick or a team has just scored
- Unlimited substitutions may occur by a team on their throw-in

Offside

- The offside rule does not apply in the PASL-D 8v8 games

Red Cards

Red Cards: Any player receiving a red card will be removed from the match immediately, required to leaving the playing area and sidelines and will be suspended for the match following the match in which such player received the red card. If a player receives a second Red Card during the season, he/she will be suspended for one additional match (i.e. 2 match suspension for the second Red Card of the season). If a player receives a third Red Card during the season, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of both the Regular Season and the Tournament. It is imperative that Captains make their team members aware of this policy.

Red Card Recipients: If a male player receives a red card, that player's team will be reduced to the maximum number of field players by one and the maximum number of males that can be on the field by one. If a female player receives a red card, that player's team will be reduced by one and the minimum number of female players will also be reduced by one (ie the two women rule will become a one woman rule, with 1 required female player and a maximum of 6 male players). The two women rule still applies except if the ejected player is a woman.

League Divisions (including promotion/relegation)

When a league grows to a certain size (8 teams or greater), that league will separate into two divisions and grow from there. The highest division will be called the Premier Division. After the Premier Division, the 1st Division will be next followed by the 2nd, 3rd, etc. Each season, the lowest ranked team in each division based upon their regular season record will drop to the division immediately below them for the following season should they return.

Consequently, the highest ranked team in a each division will rise into the division immediately above them for the following season should they return. Should the league determine the creation of a new division, promotion/relegation may follow a different format in order to facilitate the creation of the new division.

This promotion/relegation will encourage parity amongst our teams at each level.

Any new team joining the league will automatically enter the league in its lowest division.

As the 2015 summer is the first edition of the PASL-D league we will run a minimum of 1 MEN and 1 COED division with a maximum of 8 teams per division. 4 will be the minimum amount of teams needed to run a division.

Timing, Scoring, Forfeits, Ties, Playoffs

- **Timing:** All matches shall be played as 2 25-minute halves on half of a full-size/regulation field. Deliberate actions to delay play of the game (e.g., deliberately playing the ball well outside the field of play, stepping directly in front (i.e. within 5 yards) of a free kick that has been given to the opposition, stepping in front of a goalkeeper in the act of distribution), as determined by and at the discretion of the referee, will be issued a warning for the first offense by a team, followed by a yellow card on the second offense by a team in the course of a match.
- **Scoring:** A winning team receives 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. Teams will be ranked in the standings by their Win/Loss/Draw points as the first criteria, then by head to head competition, season goal differential, and finally by goals scored. This system will be used to determine the pairings for the PASL-D Cup tournament.
- **Forfeits:** Forfeits with enough available players (5) will count as a 5-0 loss. If a team does not have 5 players available, a forfeit will count as a 3-0 loss. If a team has 2 consecutive seasons with 3 or more forfeits, the league reserves the right to not allow the team to play the following season.

If a team is playing short-handed and subsequently decides to forfeit during the match (e.g. at halftime), the score will be recorded as either the score at the time of forfeit or the score for forfeits listed above, whichever is greater.

- **Tournament:** A tournament will be held at the end of each season. All teams will be eligible for the tournament, provided no disciplinary action has been taken to effect eligibility. Tournament seeding will be determined by the Scoring, defined above. In case of a 8 team division N1 will play N2 in the final, N3 vs N4 for 3rd and 4th place, N5 vs N6 for 5th and 6th place and N7 vs N8 for the 7th and 8th place. Tournament games must result in a victory for one team. For all playoff matches, shall the teams play to a draw after the regulation 50-minute match, 2 5-minute golden goal halves shall be played, followed by penalty shots, again as governed by FIFA rules. Only the first 5 players taking shots must have been on the field at the end of play.

Discipline and Game Conduct

Sportsmanship and Fair Play are to be emphasized at all times. Poor sportsmanship, abusive language and violent behavior are not acceptable in the Premier Adult Soccer League of Dayton. Our referees have the full support of the League to use their discretion and good judgment while interpreting the Laws of the Game, and will have the full support of the League board in making the League a great place to play the Game. It is expected that the team managers act on behalf of the League in ensuring their team's compliance to the spirit of the Game and good sportsmanship.

FIFA Laws of the Game outline cautions for unsporting behavior. Following a caution being issued in the course of a match for unsporting behavior, any further caution to the side shall warrant a yellow card.

Pre-Game Conference

Captains from both teams will meet with officials at mid-field to discuss expectations on behavior and discipline. If either team has any issues regarding number of players, field conditions or anything that may result in a team challenging the outcome of a match they should bring it to the official's attention. The coin-toss will also take place at this time, followed by kickoff and field selection.

Post-Game Conference

If necessary, at the conclusion of each match, officials will meet with the Captains at mid-field to agree on:

- The final score, including what players scored goals
- List of any/all players that received a card,
- And make sure that there are no unresolved issues, and receive a match report.

The Lead Official/Assignor will report all scores to the PASL-D Webmaster (who will send to Discipline Committee regarding cards and/or issues governed by the disciplinary committee). The only way to dispute a recorded score will be to produce a match report. Officials will also make sure they have the names and numbers of any players receiving yellow/red cards. Any Captain that does not comply with providing the refs the names of players that received cards during the match will be suspended.

Foul Language

While inappropriate language may be the by-product of competitive matches and situations, its use should be minimized by everyone, and never directed towards an individual. Per the Laws of the Game, match referees have the authority to issue disciplinary cards for abuses of language.

Note: Family members and friends often attend PASL-D matches. All players should keep this in mind with regards to their use of foul language.

Fighting/Intent to Injure

Though matches do get competitive, fighting is an unacceptable action in the PASL-D League. At the Referee's discretion, per the Laws of the Game, fighting, punching, elbowing, charging, tripping etc. judged to be an attempt to injure the opposing player, will be dealt with severely. If a player physically strikes a referee or makes physical threats to a referee, this player will be immediately banned from PASL-D for 5 years. This behavior is unacceptable and team managers must make sure their players are clear on this issue. Any player who receives a Red Card for fighting will serve an automatic 2-match suspension and the Disciplinary Committee may take further disciplinary actions. If a player receives a second Red Card for fighting, the player shall be banned from League play for the remainder of the season, including the tournament.